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1. PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATION OF GENERAL INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT (GIFA) WITH SOVIET UNION IN MOSCOW, JULY 26-30, WENT ALONG LINES ANTICIPATED BY U.S. SOVIETS RAISED MANY POINTS ON LEGAL ISSUES AS WELL AS ON PRACTICAL ISSUES. IN PART, THEY ARE SIMILAR TO POINTS WHICH JAPAN HAS RAISED AT JUNE MEETING BUT SOME ELEMENTS ARE DIFFERENT IN THAT THEIR VESSELS ARE GOVERNMENT OWNED AND THIS POSES DIFFERENT SET OF QUESTIONS REGARDING
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PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF U.S. LAW. A PARAGRAPH-BY-

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PARAGRAPH DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON MANY OF THEM. THERE STILL REMAIN A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED AT NEXT MEETING. -

2. A TIME HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE NEXT MEETING DUE TO SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES BUT WE WILL MEET AGAIN LATER THIS YEAR. ON THE BASIS OF THE FRANK DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE AND ATMOSPHERE PREVAILING AT THE MOSCOW MEETING, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

3. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A GIFA WITH POLAND ON AUGUST 2 AT WARSAW. IT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AFTER COMPLETION OF INTERNAL PROCEDURES BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

4. NUMEROUS REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR COPIES OF THE US-POLISH GIFA BUT WE CANNOT MAKE DOCUMENT AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS UNTIL ALL INTERNAL PROCEDURES COMPLETED. (FYI. US HAS MADE FIRM COMMITMENT ON THIS.) AGREEMENT IS NOW BEING PREPARED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CONGRESS THROUGH WHITE HOUSE.

5. NEGOTIATIONS WITH BULGARIA AND ROMANIA NOW IN PROGRESS HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH BOTH COUNTRIES THIS YEAR.

6. FOR SEOUL. DISCUSSIONS WITH REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON GIFA EXPECTED TO TERMINATE 12 AUGUST. AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON MOST ARTICLES BUT THERE STILL REMAIN A FEW OUTSTANDING ISSUES WHICH WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RESOLVE. POST WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS.

7. FOR TOKYO. POST IS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM GOJ THAT THE TEXT OF US DRAFT GIFA MUST NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PRESS.

8. FYI ONLY. EMBASSY TOKYO SHOULD BE AWARE THAT POLES, SOVIETS AND KOREANS ALL HAVE REPORTED TO US OF JAPANESE CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFORT TO ORGANIZE UNITED FRONT IN RESISTANCE TO US AND US FISHERIES LAW. WHETHER TRUE OR NOT, JAPANESE EFFORT, ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEW YORK TIMES, ETC. LEND IT CREDENCE. IN RETURN FOR SHARING INFO PARAS 1-6 WITH GOJ WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASKING GOJ OFFICIALS ABOUT RESULTS OF THEIR CONSULTATIONS, PARTICULARLY THEIR CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS IN MOSCOW. END FYI. KISSINGER

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